



The Olive Branch

Our 63rd Year

Chartered – November 14, 1954



November 2017

Shooting for a STAR!

Our Chaplin Has Been Busy



Saint Alexis Church Dedication
October 22, 2017



Bishop Zubik with Father Zywan
Concelebrating Mass



Knights of Columbus Color Guard
with Bishop Zubik

Left to Right: SK Larry Emark; SK Joe Hrason; SK John Kohler;
SK Most Rev. Bishop David Zubik; SK Bill McKim; SK Rich Seman;
SK Chuck Hosick; SK Gene Brown; and SK Mike Conroy.

Go to our Web Site to see this OB in Color: <www.kofc3907.org>

Grand Knight's Message.....

Brothers,

It has been a busy month since my last message.

In October two significant events that support wonderful charitable programs took place. The Columbus Day Dinner Celebration was held on October 8th at the Doubletree by Hilton, Pittsburgh (Greentree); and on October 20th the Annual Dinner Auction in support of St. Anthony School Programs took place at David Lawrence Convention Center. The Columbus Day Dinner celebration featured the presentation of various awards to deserving Knights.



The sale of "Football Craze Sweepstakes" and "Chance of a Lifetime" (C.O.A.L.) Sweepstakes is close to being completed. Mike Conroy has had another successful year running the Football Sweepstakes and Rich Karapandi has again led a successful effort promoting the sale of C.O.A.L. tickets. Both of these brothers deserve our special thanks for their effective work in support of our Order. Another fund-raising effort, the Tootsie Roll drive, is a significant part of the Bishop's Project. Larry Emark coordinates when the drives take place at our four parishes. The four-roundtable chairman including Joe Daquelente, Morrie Stack. Larry Emark and Mike Conroy run the collection process at each parish. Lastly, Christmas Seals will be distributed the weekend before Thanksgiving with requests for donations.

Finally, on October 22nd the new church at St. Alexis Parish was dedicated by Most Reverend David A. Zubik, D.D. at the 10:00AM Mass. Pastor, Reverend Paul J. Zywan, the Chaplain of our Council who concelebrated the Mass, invited the Knights of Columbus Color Corps to participate in the ceremony.

On October 29th following the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Alexis Church we will gather for the 5th Sunday Rosary, now officially called the Family Rosary.

On November 8th at 6:30PM Our Lady of Olives Council's Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the new St. Alexis Church. A potluck dinner will take place following Mass at the parish cafeteria.

Finally, consistent with one of the ideals of our Order, Charity, our Council has re-emphasized and re-focused on the Practice of Charity. We have, in a methodical way, identified the charities we wish to support and what amount of support is appropriate. This subject is covered elsewhere in the Olive Branch.

Vivat Jesus!

William J. McKim

Grand Knight

Meeting Schedule

The first **November** meeting will be on Thursday, **Nov. 2nd**, due to the All Saints Holy Day falling on Wednesday Nov. 1st. Our second meeting of the month will be on Nov. 15th. Rosary begins at 7:30 PM; meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

December Meetings are on Dec. 6th and 20th



Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Contact me if I can be of assistance to you

Joe
 Joe Latess,
 Field Agent and Brother Knight
 Phone: 724-776-9263
 Email: <Joseph.Latess@KofC.org>

Quarterly Retired Priests' Luncheon

The next luncheon will be on **December 7th** at 11:30 AM at the Vincentian Home. Please plan to attend and help.

Thanks

To participate or if you have any questions, contact:
 Morrie Stack – 412-366-2475 – <mstack21@verizon.net>
 Bob Shaffrey – 724-443-2284 – <boxcar685@gmail.com>

December Issue of the Olive Branch!

The deadline for the **December 2017** issue of the Olive Branch will be on November 16th. Please send your input to:

George Franz <george.franzjr@gmail.com>

If you would like to receive your **Olive Branch** (in color) **via Email** (saving printing and mailing costs), send your **Email** address and **Phone** number (for follow-up) to:

Larry Emark <emarklw@verizon.net>

Football Craze Sweepstakes



The 2017 Football Craze Program is complete! Thanks to efforts of our brothers who promoted the Craze tickets, we sold 575 tickets, a new record!! Watch the NFL games starting October 29th to see if you are a winner. Our Lady of Olives' charitable programs benefit from the Football Craze promotion.

Mike Conroy at 412-364-7342 - or <conroy1603@gmail.com>.

Put us on your gift list!!!

Please send your 2017 Dues NOW!!!

If you have a membership card that is dated 2016 and before, that card is invalid. Please send your dues (\$30.00), payable to **K of C #3907**

Please Send to:

W. R. EATON F.S.
 2590B GROUSE RIDGE RD.
 WEXFORD PA 15090-7637

Remember that old colloquialism:
 "YOUR BILLS PAY OUR BILLS."

Thank you.
Bill

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser



Our Annual **Tootsie Roll** fundraiser will be completed by the time you see this issue of the Olive Branch. Thanks to all of our Knights who stood outside our churches and especially Larry Emark, Joe Daquelente, Morrie Stack and Mike Conroy who organized things. And thanks to all who took a Tootsie Roll home with them and left a Donation.

Christmas Seals

Christmas Seals (weekend before Thanksgiving Nov 18-19)



Bishop's Project Seals: <www.bishopsprojectkofc.org>

Note: To be counted as a Member Donation, please use the Seals Envelop mailed to your home, or mark "MEMBER 3907" near the box where the committee enters the donation amount or your donation will be counted as non-member donations. We eagerly look for our membership support. *Thank You!*

Remember in your Prayers

The following individuals were included in our prayers at the two October meetings; please add them to your prayer list....

Deceased: SK James "Jim" Patrick McGinnis, Jr.; Robert Schlegel, Jr.; Buffy Tush; Mary Korkus; Bernie Klein; Josie Mukko; Shaun M. Lally; Elizabeth N. "Betty" Horvath; and George Paul Lang.

Members: Larry Sampietro; Dave Kelsch.

Family & Friends: Richard Eck; Joe Julian; Kathy Strock; Nancy Cummings; Bob Cummings; Bill Kelley; Amanda Gunkle; George Buettner; Fran Fernald; Fran Fischer; Tom Hartmann; Colleen Bunney; MaryJo LeDonne; Ed Mitchel; Kristen Seaman; Joe Cavalier; Marian Delisi; Denise Malchano; Betty Kolakowski; Seminarians We Support; Hurricane Victims; and Victims of Las Vegas Massacre.

To add or delete any names to/from this list, please contact Grand Knight Bill McKim or Financial Secretary Bill Eaton.

First Friday Overnight Adoration

(This past June 2nd/3rd marks the Tenth Year for this Project)

Several members of #3907, many along with their wives, continue to spend "An Evening with Our Lord" in the Grotto Chapel of Saints John & Paul Parish. Most are in one-hour shifts beginning with 8:00pm Mass on the First Friday of each Month through the night until 8:45am Benediction on Saturday morning.

Our next scheduled Adoration is on Friday November 3rd into Saturday November 4th. Then, next month December 1st / 2nd

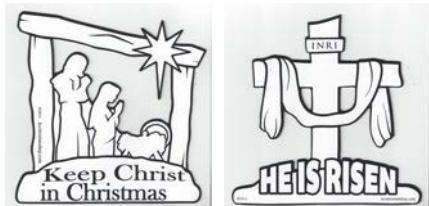
Please contact/reply SK Larry Emark at <emarklw@verizon.net> or 412-367-0525 to get your name on the Adoration List.

SJ&P also offers Tuesday All-Day Eucharistic Adoration (all year long) following the 7:00am Mass until 7:00pm Benediction.

A Night at the Races

January may be Cold and Dreary, but there is possibly a little fun on the way. Planning has begun for a **Night at the Races** event. The timing and location will be included in upcoming issues of your *Olive Branch*.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" and "HE IS RISEN" Car Magnets



Larry Emark, Mike Conroy, and Chuck Hagen, have a limited supply of **Keep Christ in Christmas** and **He is Risen** car magnets. Look for us promoting these sales at our respective local Parishes.

Larry Emark at 412-367-0525 or <emarklw@verizon.net>
Mike Conroy at 412-401-3797 or <conroy1603@gmail.com>
Chuck Hagen at 412-367-8957 or <papaagoo@aol.com>

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities....

Fifth Sunday Rosary

The next 5th Sunday Rosary will be October 29th in St. Alexis' new church after the 11:00am Mass. Bill McKim will lead us in prayer. Please Join US.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Kelley, Church Director
724-799-0249 & <chris081476@gmail.com>

Degree Candidates -- REMINDER

Saint Mary's C14722 (Glenshaw) will Host our Fifth Wednesday November 29th 1st Admission and 2nd Formation Degrees; they have reserved Marion Hall beneath Saint Mary's Church for these Degrees:

Wednesday November 29th 7:00pm Glenshaw....

Let: Larry Emark know ASAP, for your Reservation: 412-367-0525 or Email: <emarklw@verizon.net>

"Enjoy" Books 2018



The 2018 "Enjoy" books are available NOW at the same low price as last year...only \$30.00 per Book.

"Enjoy" 50% Off, Two for One and many Other Discounts. Buy now / use now / savings continue through to November 1st 2018

Please contact: Jim Fernald at – 412-551-6593 or <jefernald2@comcast.net> I DELIVER!!!!

"Keep Christ in Christmas"



Our Council has contributed to the Knights of Columbus Pittsburgh Chapter, in support of LAMAR "Keep Christ in Christmas" Signs around Pittsburgh during this Christmas Season. Look for these in your area.... The Pittsburgh Chapter is made up of some (44) Councils in Allegheny and Southern Butler Counties. In addition to the Pittsburgh Chapter, our Western Section is made up of the Beaver Chapter, Mon Valley Chapter, northern Butler County Independents; plus, the Greensburg Chapter.

C.O.A.L. 2017

We still have **Chance of a Lifetime (C.O.A.L.)** tickets for sale. This is our statewide Raffle to raise money for the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. It is also a great fund raiser for our Council. There are sixteen prizes. The Tickets are \$1.00 each, **Please** Return the Ticket Stubs/funds to me in the envelope we provided, or send to our Council address.

We would appreciate a donation of a minimum of \$5.00 per Book - make Checks out to: **KofC #3907**.

The return deadline this year is **November 22nd** (the day before Thanksgiving).

If you have any questions or want additional Books, contact me at 412-366-3294 -or- <richrk@verizon.net>

Thanks, and God Bless You!

Rich

Rich Karapandi

K of C – Investment Group

The Investment Group *completed* a series of meetings designed to share multiple investing ideas. This was in response to a survey recommendation from brother knights.

If additional information is desired, I will be happy to share ideas, contacts and recommendations.

The Knights of Columbus also offer various insurances and opportunities for individual investing. You can visit their website or I can also provide their contact information

To continue developing your investing ideas, an Investment Club is available at the Northland Library. Meetings are held the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM to Noon.

Chuck Mazur
<cmazur326@aol.com>
412-366-2351

New Tri-Fold K of C Brochure in Production



We are in process of Updating the Tri-Fold Brochure which presents what we do to other Catholic Men in our parishes. You should see these showing up in the back of our Churches towards the end of November. Pick one up on your way by and look it over. Give it to your son, father another practical Catholic gentleman, etc. (you get the idea). If you should still have any of the old Tri-folds, go ahead and destroy them...they will be outdated.

"Look Ahead"

Important dates in-the-near-future - mark your calendars now. More information to follow:

October 29th	Fifth Sunday Rosary at St. Alexis
November 1st	All Saints Day – NO MEETING
November 2nd	First Meeting of November
November 8th	Memorial Mass and Pot Luck Dinner at St. Alexis
November 22nd	Return COAL Tickets
November 29th	1st & 2nd Degree St. Mary's Church
December 7th	Priest Luncheon at Vincentian Home
December 9th	Children's Christmas Party at St. Alexis

K of C Scholarship Program information (time to get started)

Christmas Party Coming Soon

Saturday December 9th 2017
(Noon to 3PM)

We are continuing to plan for this year's Christmas party. Over the past few years this has become **THE social event of the season**. Members and their Families gather to wish one and all a "**MERRY CHRISTMAS**". Please invite your kids and grandkids now. Ask them to mark December 9th on their Calendars. We will gather in the St. Alexis Cafeteria beginning at 12pm (noon). The K of C will be providing lunch, followed by entertainment, caroling, and if we are all "good", possibly a visit by Santa. Please bring an appetizer to be shared, everything else will be provided. We would like to gather a headcount so we can insure we are ready for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be passed at our November meetings, but for those who can't attend a meeting, please contact me via cell phone (or text) or e-mail as noted below:

George Franz george.franzjr@gmail.com
724-772-0494

October Charitable Contributions

Our Council made the following charitable contributions in October:

- \$1,000.00 was given to the *North Hills Community Outreach* for use at their food pantries.
- \$1,000.00 was given to Angels' Place, Inc. a Ministry that gives aid to single parents that are in need.
- \$1,000.00 was given to the Special Olympics Foundation. (Allegheny County Division)
- \$1,000.00 was given to Brother's Brother Foundation to be used for their current aid to Puerto Rico.

Please Note: We are also working out the details for donations to the Ultra Sound Initiative and to the four parishes that we support for a contribution to the tuition of two (2) Catholic students in each one of those parishes. More on that in the December Olive Branch.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Romig, DGK & Rich Karapandi, Charities Director

As You Make Out Your Christmas Cards

Please Keep Our Seminarians in Mind

We support several young men in their journey towards priesthood. Please add them to your Christmas Card list (and include a small "present" if you are so inclined):

Jeffrey Craig, N. American College, Vatican City
jcraig@diopitt.org

Jacob Gruber, Theological College, Washington, DC
<jgruber@diopitt.org>

Gabriel Salibi, St. Paul, Crafton
<gsalibi@diopitt.org>

Sean Farrell, St. Paul, Crafton
<sfarrell@diopitt.org>

Nicholas Clinton, St. Paul, Crafton
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St. Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4227

Theological College
401 Michigan Ave, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Pontifical North American College [PNAC]
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

Annual Memorial Mass & Potluck Dinner November 8th – St. Alexis

Our annual Memorial Mass for recently deceased Brothers will be celebrated at 6:30pm Wednesday, November 8th at St. Alexis's new Church, with Father Zywan presiding. A Potluck Dinner will be held in the St. Alexis cafeteria after Mass. If you plan on attending, please contact Chris Kelley at 724-799-0249 and indicate the food item you'll bring to the dinner.

This year we will be honoring:

- **HL James "Jim" Patrick McGinnis, Jr.**
RIP-09/21/2017
- **HL SK George Andrew Ley, Jr. FFS PGK GT C**
RIP-08/11/2017
- **Thomas "Tom" James Miller, Sr.**
RIP-07/30/2017
- **HL SK Robert Albert Zoeller, Sr.**
RIP-07/21/2017
- **Robert F. "Bob" Craig**
RIP-07/17/2017
- **HL Wayne R. Yetter**
RIP-05/28/2017
- **Michael J. Zafris**
RIP-04/22/2017
- **Martin "Marty" Amrhein**
RIP-03/07/2017

SK=Sir Knight;
PGK-Past Grand Knight
FFS-Former Financial
Secretary
HL=Honorary Life
GT=Gold-Tie
C = Charter member

Vivat Jesus!

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724-799-0249 & <chris081476@gmail.com>

Bishop's Project Online Donations



Bishop's Project

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Bishop's Project (K of C) Web Committee,
PO Box 9691, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-9905

Please consider making-a-donation to the Bishop's Project. Your donation will help the Knights of Columbus of the Pittsburgh Diocese to continue their unbroken commitment to the Bishop of Pittsburgh to assist the **Saint Anthony Schools** and the **McGuire Memorial Homes** and Schools Programs. Any donation large or small is greatly appreciated! <www.bishopsprojectkofc.org>

When making Online Donation:
Select Your Parish plus Council: #3907....

K of C Scholarship Program Please Act Now to Participate

As a benefit of the C.O.A.L. Raffle Program: Ten scholarships (\$3,000 each) are available to the sons and daughters of Pennsylvania Knights. These are for students graduating from an accredited 4-year high school in 2018. Please get an application from any of the K of C Officers, or on line as noted below. A copy of your ACT or SAT must be included with the application. **It must be submitted with all required signatures (see below) by December 31st 2017.** Also, please support C.O.A.L. Raffle (Page-4)

- Two years ago, **Meredith V. Walker**, daughter of member **Gregory & Lori Walker**, was the recipient of a \$3,000.00 scholarship.
- Last year, **Annamarie Lovre**, daughter of member **Donald & Monica Lovre**, was the recipient of a \$3,000.00 scholarship.

For 2018 Scholarship Requirements and Application see:

<www.pakofc.us/programs/youth/scholarship>

Application Deadline: December 31st 2017

Signatures of: Pastor, School, FS & GK required (please apply early) ...



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Our 63rd Year of Columbianism!

November 2017

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Return Service Requested



Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 <> Council Calendar October 29th 2017 – December 9th 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 29 <i>30th Sunday in O.T.</i> KofC Tootsie Roll Drive Saint John Neumann 5 th Sunday Rosary St. Alexis – 11AM	October 30	October 31 Halloween	November 1 All Saints Day (HDO) Meeting Moved →	November 2 All Souls Day Meeting Today K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	November 3 <i>First Friday</i> ← Christmas Seals Stuffing @C3907 Overnight (8pm–9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	November 4 First Saturday
November 5	November 6	November 7 [ELECTION DAY] Pittsburgh Chapter Officers Meeting TBD	November 8 C3907 Memorial Mass St. Alexis 6:30pm & Pot Luck Dinner	November 9	November 10 <i>Bishop's Project</i> St. Elizabeth Ann Seton C11143 Meeting 7:30pm	November 11 Veterans Day
November 12 <i>31st Sunday in O.T.</i> Daylight Savings Time Ends	November 13	November 14	November 15 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	November 16 December Olive Branch Articles Due	November 17 Christmas Seals Stuffing @Parishes	November 18
November 19 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	November 20	November 21	November 22 C.O.A.L. Tickets Due	November 23 Thanksgiving	November 24 Black Friday CC Mandilion Ball	November 25
November 26 <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	November 27 <i>34th or Last Week in Ordinary Time</i>	November 28	November 29 1 st & 2 nd Degrees St. Mary's Church	November 30 Pgh Chapter Memorial Mass & Dinner \$12 6pm Bellevue C1400 →	December 1 <i>First Friday</i> Overnight (8pm–9am) Adoration: SJ&P →	December 2 <i>First Saturday</i>
December 3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	December 4	December 5 Pittsburgh Chapter NO MEETING	December 6 K of C 3907 Meeting Rosary 7:30PM Meeting 8:00PM	December 7 Pearl Harbor Day Priest Luncheon Vincenitian 11:30am	December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (HDO)	December 9 Christmas Party St. Alexis (N-3pm)